

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Revise the paragraph beginning on line 18 of page 15 as follows:

--~~Back~~ Back to Fig. 1, the rule-based speech synthesizing section 15 synthesizes a speech signal corresponding to the text for speech synthesizing input from the language processing section 14, according to the speech-synthesizing control information input from the speech-synthesizing-control-information table 13. The synthesized speech signal is changed to sound by a speaker 16.--